

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY

7:00 P.M.

APRIL 2, 2014

This Regular Meeting of Council was called to order on the above-stated date at the above-stated time after the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence by President of Council Richard Dellapenna with the following Members of Council present:

RC-1 PRESENT: KEITH SOLES, FAWN WALKER-MONTGOMERY, JAMES BARRY, DANIEL CARR, RICHARD DELLAPENNA, JAMIE BREWSTER-FILOTEI, DALE McCALL

Reverend Deb Kociban from the McKeesport Ministerium led the prayer.

Also present were Mayor Michael Cherepko, City Administrator Matthew Gergely, City Solicitor J. Jason Elash and members of the Administration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The transcription of the minutes was not complete at the time of the meeting and will be approved at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Received two letters from William Depner, resident and concerned citizen, RE: Saints and Sinners Strip Club.

- Received a letter from Cheryl Moon-Sirianni, P.E., Assistant District Executive, Design Division, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, RE: 2014-1 Bridge Maintenance Contract.
- Received an email from Stanley Louis Gorski of the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance, RE: Rock Salt – Exercise of Third Option Year.
- Received the Fire Report for the month from Fire Chief Kevin Lust.
- Received the Police Report from Police Chief Bryan Washowich.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Cherepko said he will be brief this evening. He said he did want to touch on a few things.
- Mayor Cherepko said they had their first meeting with the Mayor's Committee on Community Issues. He said a few individuals attended. He said the meetings started in the first three Wards and the first meeting was held at the Corpus Christi Social Hall. He said they had a nice turnout. He said they were well represented by Council and a lot of City officials and board members attended. He said he wants to thank each and every one of them who volunteer their time to be on these committees. He said the City addressed the issues. He said the City was on top of it. He said there was one issue that will take a little longer. He said he and Mr. Tedesco are waiting to set up a meeting to look at the one individual's complaint that came in about the wall in the back. He said other than that, they have actually looked at every other issue that came up at the meeting. He said the next meeting will be in the Seventh Ward. He said that meeting will be held at the McKeesport Presbyterian Church on the corner of Union and Versailles.

He said he believes that will be at 6:00 p.m. on April 23. He said they will do what they can to spread the word. He said they are actually going to do some door to door contact with people. He said they are passing out flyers in addition to putting it on the website and using other methods to get the information out there. He said he is sure the newspaper will be generous enough to mention the meeting in their article about the Council meeting. He said the City is hoping to have individuals come to the meeting with the issues they have. He said he formed this committee because he realized that 90% of the issues in the City are community-related issues. He said the committee's goal, for those who are not aware, is to hit every single neighborhood this year, in 2014. He said the committee is going to go to the neighborhoods in all of the Wards. He said they combined the first three wards in the first meeting. He said First Ward, Second Ward and Third Ward are small Wards. He said the committee is going to Seventh Ward next, a large Ward, and then they will move to the Eighth Ward and on up. He said at some point they will go to the Fifth and Sixth Wards ... probably together also. He said please spread the word about the meeting because he thinks it is important. He said the first meeting was productive. He said the residents that showed up voiced their concerns and the City then demonstrated that they also share their frustrations on some of the issues that the residents had. He said the residents were very understanding and they talked about solutions. He said biggest thing they need to do at these meetings is to make sure they are productive. He said they need to focus on solutions. He said once they know what the problem is, then they can discuss solutions. He said they are excited to have the next meeting on April 23 in the Seventh Ward.

- Mayor Cherepko said obviously over the last month, the City had two unexpected tragedies with the death of two young children. He said one was an automobile accident, the truck accident, over by the school. He said the other one was a young child that did not make it out of a fire. He said they

share that pain as a community. He said they share that and as Mayor he can tell them it is very heartbreaking. He said the firefighters risked their lives to do everything they could. He said he would put the City's Fire Department and Police Department up against any other Public Safety Department in the entire area. He said they are first class and McKeesport has the best of the best. He said when the Firefighters get into a situation like that and come to a structure that is already engulfed, no matter what, those Firefighters take it to heart and it is very difficult on them because they know what they are hired to do, even when there was nothing they could do. He said he shares their pain and the family's pain. He said the girl with the unfortunate car accident was devastating to the community. He said the City is working with the School District to come up with some solutions that will make that intersection safer. He said one of the solutions that he thought was probably one of the best solutions ... and he has thought this through and through ... spending hours and hours thinking about it. He said he recommended it to the School District and Chief Washowich, who has been working on this exhaustively.... He said the one big solution in his mind is to run a railing, almost like a fence on the outside of the sidewalk that would run from that intersection on the Eden Park side at least up past the Dance Studio where it comes into two lanes. He said he would also like to do the same thing on the O'Neil Boulevard side which would run a fence at the end of the sidewalk all the way out past Washington Street. He said that would be where the street goes from three lanes down to two. He said he thinks a railing would force people to go to the corner at the crosswalk. He said it is something he has thought about time and time again and unfortunately, it takes a tragic accident to really put the necessary thought into the problem. He said he is looking at that as a solution, not just at that intersection, but throughout the entire City. He said he really thinks back since he was on Council for eight years and two years as Mayor, it is a problem they have throughout the City. He

said it is also a problem with adults. He said for whatever reason in the City, people tend to cross the road in areas that they definitely should not cross. He said it is something they need to focus on as a Police Department. He said they are not looking to cite individuals, but the Chief passed it on. He said when he mentions this, he talks about the numerous individuals ... and Assistant Police Chief Greene and Fire Chief Lust are here ... that get hit on Lysle Boulevard. He said it happens time and time again. He said he thinks it is safe to say that the vast majority of the time these people are not in the crosswalk. He said these are things they need to be more aware of and when the officers see it, they will try to stop and remind people to use the crosswalks. He said they are not trying to arrest anyone for it, but only want to let them know that they should use the crosswalks for their own safety. He said it is something they don't take lightly here. He said the residents share that pain and he can tell them as Mayor, his heart aches for both families. He said all they can truly do is just continue praying for them as they go through the grieving process. He said as a City they will continue to come up with solutions to make, in this particular situation, the crossing safer.

- Mayor Cherepko said the only other thing that he really wanted to get into ... well two more things. He said he talked about the Police and Fire a little bit and what they do. He said he cannot speak highly enough of them. He said the Public Works Department has just finished up a brutal winter. He said it was a long winter for them and for him too. He said they have done a good job. He said now they are working right out of the winter and looking to start some of this demolition. He said for the first time in the history of the City ... no one has told him and some of them have been around a lot longer than he has ... that they remember the City's own men doing the demolition. He said the men have already had their first training session and will have a second training session. He said these are operators that already have operator's licenses. He said they are not just

an average Joe that is going to learn how to do this in two days. He said these are individuals that already have an operator's license for heavy machinery. He said once they finish that, he is hoping to start their first house demolition in the City sometime next week or the week after. He said they are going to begin to tackle this problem as they have been through other strategies also, not just their own crews, but using private funding. He said the City got Scaife money in the past and they are sending another letter out hoping that he will come through again. He said they have some CD money ... not much, but it is there. He said they are even trying to think outside the box. He said he mentioned this last evening and they are trying to get creative. He said they are already ... down on 12th Street by Harrison Village, there are piles of dirt. He said they have been storing clean fill because that is part of an expense when they tear these homes down. He said all of the clean fill they see down there is clean fill they have obtained for free. He said that will be an expense they will not have when they tear the homes down. He said at this point, the only cost is getting rid of the building materials because the employees are already on the payroll. He said the employees will get paid whether they do that or pave streets or clean up garbage. He said one of the other strategies he mentioned last night is that he is trying to get some of these contractors to give them a price to just drop a house ... just get it to the ground. He said then the City can get everything out of there. He said if they can do that for about \$1,000 or \$1,500, then they might be able to get \$75,000 or \$100,000 together to do 75 to 100 homes. He said if the contractors can drop them to the ground, then the City could get in and clean up the material. He said these are just some of the different ways they are trying to tackle this problem of blight. He said the City does realize how important it is in order to move the City forward and attract new businesses and new residents. He said it will also help protect the existing residents, many of whom have lived with vacant houses around them for too long at this point. He said the City

wants to restore that pride, clean it up and have the individuals in the neighborhood also clean up their own properties. He said that is what happens very often and it is almost contagious when people start seeing the neighborhood being cleaned up. He said it is very discouraging He said once again, with the residents and the complaints that come in to him often, he shares their frustration when they have to live next to a vacant home with the negativity and blight involved. He said there are also drugs and crime that are attracted to these types of buildings. He said the City is working on that and doing everything they can with the resources they have. He said he knows he has joked several times that he doesn't play the lottery, but when it gets big ... he plays it. He said the only reason he is playing it is because if for some reason he would be fortunate to be that big winner, they would never have anyone calling to complaint about a vacant house in McKeesport again because he will tear them all down. He said they are all working and Council comes to him quite often with homes they want torn down and he wants them to be assured that they are doing everything they can with the resources that they have.

- Mayor Cherepko said the last thing he is going to talk about is that they have had this ongoing issue with the Club that wants to come in down in the Christy Park area. He said he sees a lot of individuals in the audience that have been protesting that Club, who have been sticking together and standing up for McKeesport, for what they believe in and holding prayer services on Monday evenings at Bethlehem Baptist Church. He said he appreciates that as Mayor. He said they believe in the City and it is encouraging to him as Mayor to really have so many people ... because there are so many people above and beyond even those who are physically protesting or those who have shown up for services ... he has gotten such an overwhelming number of phone calls and people coming in to his office. He said not just McKeesporters ... former McKeesporters who want to see

the City do well and believe it can still do well even though they may not be living here now. He said he has people from all over calling and telling him that they support the City. He said he thinks what they are getting into now is that they have talked about a lot of the legal issues that come with this. He said they have to be very careful because of constitutional rights. He said at this point, just so everyone is aware, the Club did apply for a zoning permit and were denied over a month ago ... and that was before the last Council meeting. He said the Club was told to file an appeal to the zoning board and they have yet to do that. He said at this point, the Club has not moved along any further than they were 30 to 40 days ago. He said the one thing that the City has been working very hard on, and he commends Jason for coming up with it, is a final ordinance for the City. He said they have an ordinance on the Agenda this evening. He said what this ordinance does ... because they are not at liberty to prevent these establishments from being in McKeesport.... He said down the road and maybe at the next Council meeting, they may have an ordinance creating special zones and or changing the zoning so that they can only come into a particular area. He said as long as the City lets them come into a particular area, the City is not really violating their constitutional rights. He said there are a couple of establishments on the West Fifth Avenue corridor. He said he knows some people have been confused and thought they were going to designate Tenth Ward as that area and that is not the case. He said the City is going to designate just the West Fifth Avenue corridor down there by the Tenth Ward. He said it will only be the main road that goes through that area. He said the railroad tracks separate that area from the residents. He said that will probably something they look into next month. He said in the meantime, they are looking into ... they may not be able to prevent these establishments from coming in ... but what they are going to do is He said he is excited about this ordinance. He said it is hard to use that word excited when it comes to this whole ordeal. He said he is excited to

let them know, and "them" means anyone that is already in the City with these types of adult establishments or someone who wants to open up in the City. He said the City is going to send a very clear message this evening with this ordinance. He said he hopes to have full support of Council. He said this ordinance will say ... yes, they have a right to come into the City but if they come, the City is going to regulate the way they do business. He said the City is concerned with the adverse secondary effects that come from these types of establishments. He said they are going to pass this ordinance this evening and those regulations will curb those effects. He said those regulations included ... to give some examples ... the hours the establishment can be open, what can take place inside the establishment, background checks and clearances for all of the employees, registration of the employees and fees for the establishment which will be included in another ordinance this evening. He said it will be a way for the City to govern these establishments and to regulate them. He said regulate is the word that he really likes to use. He said the Administration is excited about this. He said the battle is still ongoing, just so the public is aware. He said the City has not heard anything new. He said this is all public information and if they don't have a copy of the ordinance, they can get a copy and see the types of things they are talking about. He said, other than that, he does want to once again say thank you to all of the individuals who have been protesting and going to the prayer services, all of the individuals that have called, and all the individuals that have grabbed him in Giant Eagle, at schools or along the street and taken their time to show their support. He said that support means a lot. He said he wholeheartedly believes that better days for the City lie ahead. He said it is going to take time. He said the one thing he has learned in his 27 months as Mayor, it was that he has to be patient. He said nothing happens overnight. He said he thinks they are on the right path and they have wonderful people, an unbelievable number of people, who support the City. He

said this Club is just one example. He said he thanks each and every one of them and all the volunteers for all the various boards and everything they do for the City. He said the meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on April 23 for the Mayor's Committee on Community Issues at McKeesport Presbyterian Church. He said he wants to once again thank everyone for coming this evening and that concludes his report.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

- Ms. Brewster-Filotei said she would like to reiterate what the Mayor said about the heartbreaking events that took place with the two young girls this month. She said as a mother, she can't even imagine what these families have gone through. She said it is terribly said. She said being in the school with the other children and seeing their reactions to it, is also heartbreaking. She said however, she was overwhelmed by and very proud of the love and support that the City and School District gave to these families and how they came together for them. She said for the first responders on the scene, she wishes she had a magic wand to erase any of those images that may be engraved in their head. She said she thanks them for everything they do for the City. She said on a lighter note, she is so happy that the weather has broken and that the Public Works crew, after all of the things they had to endure this winter with the long hours and sleepless nights of plowing ... she is happy for them that the weather has broken. She said she is very excited about all of the projects that are coming in the parks and the streets and especially the excavator. She said that is a big thing that is going to be happening this summer. She said she wishes them lots of luck on their training and will be watching them to see how things go.

- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said she wants to echo some of the thoughts of the Mayor, Council and Ms. Filotei as well. She said she has a couple of events she would like to update everyone about. She said April 21 is the KaBoom day, correct Mayor?
 - Mayor Cherepko said it is April 25 and he is glad she brought that up.
 - Ms. Walker-Montgomery said that is from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - Mayor Cherepko said that will be an all-day project and it is the KaBoom playground that is being built in Highland Grove. He said if anybody wants to come out and volunteer their time, they would like to have at least 200 volunteers. He said it is a Friday, April 25. He said it is an all-day project to put a brand new playground in the Highland Grove area. He said thank you, Ms. Walker-Montgomery, he apologizes for not bringing that up.
 - Ms. Walker-Montgomery said are they still doing that City-wide clean up day.
 - Mayor Cherepko said yes, the city-wide clean up day will be the very next day, April 26. He said if there are any neighborhoods or anyone who wants to take a lead in their neighborhood and needs gloves and bags, the City will get those out to you. He said they will talk about drop locations where they can keep the garbage. He said they will probably bring a couple of Public Works employees out that day to pick up the garbage and if they don't get the garbage that day, they will get it on Monday. He said that clean up day is on April 26.
 - Ms. Walker-Montgomery said so if someone wants to do that and get gloves, bags and other items, should they just call the Mayor's office.

- Mayor Cherepko said yes.
- Mr. Dellapenna said the cut-off day for ordering the gloves and bags, etc. is April 21.
- Mayor Cherepko said they have had various groups and organizations do this in the past and what they are hoping is that these same individuals can come to the plate and take care of their areas. He said they are hoping for everyone to come out.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said there is another event on April 17. She said she is working with a group called "We Need Justice." She said there is going to be an event on April 17 at the Elks. She said the purpose of the event is to invite Allegheny County detectives to that event so the community can ask what the process is when they investigate some of the murders that have remained unsolved. She said she would like to talk to the Mayor about it privately. She said she would like the City to come out as well and invites the local police. She said but they really want the County police to come because they take over the investigations when there is a homicide. She said they really want the County to come out. She said they just want to try to give the community some answers and really see how the community and police can work together to solve some of these homicides. She said a lot of these people are not speaking up. She said that will be April 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the Elks on Walnut Street. She said to update everyone on the meeting she had with the McKeesport Housing Corporation, she has been meeting with them for a couple of months now to sit down and talk with them about some of her recommendations and ideas she has. She said the McKeesport Housing Corporation is separate from the City, a separate entity, so she appreciates them taking the time out to meet with her. She said she has something that she

typed up and she will pass it around to everyone. She said she met with them to go over some ideas she had. She said McKeesport Housing Corporation at this time has no private funding. She said they are funded through HUD funds that come directly through the City. She said she just basically went over some organizations they could possibly seek out to provide private funding such as HUD who gives other awards for a variety of purposes under the United States Department of Agriculture or the City of Pittsburgh Community Development Block Grant Program. She said in addition, she suggested that they move away from private bids, but at this point they don't do public bids. She said doing some public bids would help with transparency. She said in addition they could place the public bids on the City website, in City Hall and various newspapers. She said she suggested they maintain detailed records by fiscal year regarding who they awarded money to. She said when they go out to seek private funding or any type of grant funding; the funding source wants to see outcomes and data and who they helped last fiscal year and the amount that was given. She said maybe they could collect the data by those types of information and it would help seeking funding in the future. She said she suggested they might get an intern or contact a local high school or college to see if they could get volunteers for community service hours. She said this is a special project ... they now only have three people in the office, so they need assistance to get the word out about the program. She said she suggested they contact some churches and other groups or attend Sunday services, do some door knocking and other things. She said all those things take manpower though, MHC only has three people, and that is a lot of work to do. She said that is why they are asking for interns to come in and help. She said maybe they could change the focus of the program. She said at this point, they have about

50 percent homeowners and about 50 percent renters in the City. She said she is not sure how successful the program can be when only 50 percent of the City is homeowners. She said it is hard to get homeowners insurance on some of the houses in the City. She said those are just some of her solutions that she went over with the McKeesport Housing Corporation. She said she wanted to type it up so that Council could see it. She said she did meet with Jim Haughey so she will give this to him in writing as well. She said she will also continue to communicate with him regarding any concerns she hears from consumers or other anything from that point on so they can keep it solution-focused. She said she also wants to update Council on some of the authorities and committees that she sits on. She said the Rec Board's Easter Egg Hunt is April 12. She said it would be great if Council could come to that. She said she will be out of town but she will be donating some things. She said they need donations for Huggies and pop. She said any donations would be appreciated. She said JoEllen Kenney, the director for the Carnegie Library in McKeesport, retired. She said the Library just had an event for her and the Mayor presented some proclamations at that event. She said the McKeesport Downtown Business Authority had a meeting this past Monday where they decided that they are going to utilize some of their funds for various purposes. She said what they are going to do at this point is research. She said the Riverside Center for Innovations has submitted a proposal and is trying to do some training for businesses in McKeesport as well as for entrepreneurs. She said they are going to come to the next meeting. She said Riverside is seeking about \$16,000 to do this project here in McKeesport. She said they want them to come out and talk to the Authority about the project so the Authority members can ask them some questions. She said she is going to invite the Mayor and Mr. Tedesco to the next meeting

because they were talking about getting some decorations for the City. She said the Authority wanted to know what angle the City wanted to go with that. She said in addition, they talked about Tube City Novelty. She said, for people who are not aware, the Authority gave out awards to businesses that have been open in the City for more than 70 years and they missed Tube City Novelty so they wanted to give them a plaque and see if they can present it at a Council meeting. She said they are also going to look into cameras. She said they met with the Chief so they will look into buying some cameras for the downtown area for safety purposes. She said they are also looking to do some planting in the downtown area. She said they spoke with the Kiwanis Club and the Tree Shade Commission to see if they can get some planting in the downtown area. She said they talked about how to sustain these ideas, after they do utilize some of their funds. She said at this point, they have a checking account, a money market account and two CDs. She said they want to make sure that before they spend it, they are spending it wisely. She said at the next meeting they are going to have the people who submitted a proposal, the Riverside Center for Innovation, as well as the Mayor and Mr. Tedesco speak about some of their ideas for utilizing the funds. She said she has two houses for the Mayor that she has been receiving calls about. She said she would like them added to the demolition list now or in the near future. She said one is 1714 Flagler. She said this is really not a house that needs to be torn down but there is a safety issue there with kids. She said it is abandoned and kids are going in there.

- Mayor Cherepko said they can board it up.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said also on 9th Street by the old YWCA, there are several abandoned houses.

- Mayor Cherepko said they are all coming down.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said great, because some kids are going in there as well.
- Mayor Cherepko said the ones that were burned.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said all of them.
- Mayor Cherepko said the ones that burned ... there were two that caught on fire and are right across from the YWCA. He said those two houses, along with a third one ... he is not sure if the third one is on the list right now but the City actually went out for proposals for those particular houses. He said those two are coming down. He said there are offices down at the YWCA for a couple different groups in and out of there. He said the City told them that they would take care of those.
- Mr. Gergely said what were those addresses.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said 1714 Flagler.
- Mayor Cherepko said he knows exactly what she is talking about.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said that is all she has.
- Mr. Barry said he just has one thing to report. He said last month, he mentioned about a City Kid's Camp where they had an opportunity to send 40 kids from McKeesport to an all-expense paid summer vacation camp. He said it is actually a Christian sports camp from July 2 through July 9. He said at the time they only had 7 kids signed up. He said, however, with Jen's help from the Daily News, they did a feature article and they have all 40 slots filled now and ready to go and they have 2 young men and women on the waiting list. He said thank you and he is very happy to report that.

- Mr. Soles said he has nothing to report.
- Mr. Carr said he has nothing to report.
- Mr. McCall said he just wants to thank the Mayor for explaining the process last night. He said he was getting a lot of phone calls about that. He said the Mayor explained it again tonight about how they are going into these neighborhoods to get rid of this blight. He said he knows it is something that is really getting on people's nerves now.
 - Mayor Cherepko said he thinks the one thing ... he went on about it so much ... but for some reason he doesn't think said one thing. He said just so they are aware, it normally costs between \$8,000 to \$10,000 to tear down a house. He said he doesn't know if he said that this evening or not. He said that is the kind of costs that they are looking at and there are about 700 or 800 homes that probably could come down tomorrow. He said they can see why the costs are so high, based on those numbers it would cost \$7 or \$8 million to tear down those homes. He said that is where they are right now.
- Mr. Dellapenna said he has nothing to report.

CITIZENS IN THE AUDIENCE:

Mr. Dellapenna said there are multiple people here to talk about the same things. He said due to the time constraints, they are going to have to hold them to three minutes. He said the first person is Michael Robinson. He said please come to the podium and state your name and address.

- **MICHAEL ROBINSON, 1018 WASHINGTON STREET, McKEESPORT, PA 15132.** Mr. Robinson said he walks every day in McKeesport Renzie Park. He said the City has some problems. He said there are blind people apparently

because there are few problems that all that has to be done is open their eyes to correct them. He said there is a drainage problem on the walk by the bandshell. He said he doesn't know why they are using the walk as a drain, but they have been doing that. He said they need to correct that. He said in the winter time it is very hazardous. He said there is also speeding through the Park. He said he has brought it up several times. He said there is a 10 mph speed limit. He said if the cars go 20 mph or 25 mph, no one pays attention to it but when they go above that, it is really noticeable. He said there are a lot of elderly people and young kids there. He said the one walk finally got marked but it is marked wrong. He said it is a blue and white sign that no one sees. He said they need to be yellow signs. He said he actually saw a Parks' employee with a backhoe coming down the road and there was a woman with one of those jogging strollers with a baby in it. He said she was actually waiting to cross and he just kept on going. He said the employee did not stop, he did not do anything. He said Park employees, as a matter of fact, are one of the speeders going through there. He said the Police don't seem to know what a stop sign is. He said they coast through the stop signs although they would give him a ticket for it. He said the police are violating that. He said he has a list. He said on Washington Street, there is a 25 mph speed limit. He said it is too fast for that road. He said that is apparently the back way to get to Crawford Village. He said it is pretty hazardous when the cars go flying down there. He said there are a lot of kids on the street now. He said years ago there were elderly people, but he is the last one he thinks. He said it is a younger population now and there are kids on that street and something needs to be done about it.

- Mayor Cherepko said he thinks the issue with that ... and correct him if he is wrong Mr. Elash ... is that the City is not permitted to put a speed limit below 25 mph. He said he thinks that is the problem.

- Mr. Robinson said no you are not. He said 25 mph is the lowest you can do.
- Mayor Cherepko said even the one through the Park probably should not be that low, but since it is a Park they can get away with it.
- Mr. Robinson said but when people are walking on that trail, everyone has a tendency of pushing the limit. He said if the cars go 20 mph or 25 mph, no one will notice it but when they go above that it is noticeable in that short area. He said why, he doesn't know, he actually stopped one woman who said she was in a hurry. He said he told her apparently she was in a hurry.
- Mayor Cherepko said that is why one of the things right now that the State is looking into and that he signed off on and is in full support of is the local police department being able to use radar. He said he thinks that would be a big tool for them. He said right now they are either using the two lines and there is room for error in that. He said they also have the laser, but people can see where those traps are too.
- Mr. Robinson said the distance there is so short too. He said in one week of zapping them
- Mr. Dellapenna said maybe they can get someone down there.
- Assistant Police Chief Greene said yes they can but as far as the speed goes, they have a system called the Enrad system and it is just two metal poles that shoot out a laser and the object passes through and the speed gets calculated and it is not always able to calculate exactly how fast they are going. He said they usually do it on Route 48 and he has been pushing for Walnut Street. He said he has talked with them and there are different criteria they have to have for placing

that system. He said he doesn't know if a residential area is one of them but he can find that out and get back to him.

- Mr. Robinson said he would say that is ... it is a residential area but it is also the back way to get to the Village and a lot of traffic comes through there. He said it should not be there. He said they could solve that more likely by closing the gate on the back end of the Village. He said no one is going to do that though.
- Assistant Chief Greene said when this is set up, it is numbered and it is used for certain type things because they get State money for that. He said the State wants to see the numbers and 10 citations on Washington Street versus 50 citations on Route 48 is a big difference. He said the higher numbers that they get, the more money they get from the State. He said obviously numbers are big when they are looking for support from the State.
- Mr. Dellapenna said thank you Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Dellapenna said Mr. Depner please come forward. He said he would like to thank Mr. Depner for all of the information he gave them and all the research he did.

- **WILLIAM DEPNER, 2604 OAK STREET, McKEESPORT, PA 15132.** Mr. Depner said the question that he had originally has already been answered. He said the Mayor said there was a zoning ordinance for adult businesses coming. He said that was his other question, because he did not see it on the Agenda today, just the licensing ordinance. He said he would like to make one last comment. He said they have been holding their signs out there on Walnut against the Saints and Sinner's Strip Club and they are close enough that they can often hear a lot of shouts or comments that people make back to them. He said one of the most common comments is that McKeesport needs any business it

can get. He said they think that this strip club is going to get He said the answer to this ... and they don't have enough time to shout this back to anyone, is that they don't want this kind of business ... this is not the kind of business that they want. He said the quick way he is coming to explain this to them is that adult businesses cause human trafficking. He said people are getting to know how bad, terrible and ubiquitous human trafficking is. He said he thinks they need to understand that. He said the secondary effects of adult businesses are far worse than lower property values. He said that is just what he wanted to say. He said thank you.

- Mayor Cherepko said he just wants the public to understand that the reason why the zoning has not been passed yet is because of the process it takes. He said they said from the beginning it would take 90 to 120 days and has to be approved by Allegheny County. He said they have now sent it over to Allegheny County and expect it to be back in their possession before the next Council meeting. He said at that point, they can put it on the Agenda. He said that is why the zoning ... and to correct any information that may be out there, that would not affect the establishment that already applied. He said they already applied, so as far as the zoning end of it goes, they are grandfathered in. He said it would not affect them anyway. He said this ordinance that Council is going to pass tonight hopefully, will be for all existing establishments and will be effective 60 days after today. He said after the 60th day, they can go around to anyone that has an adult business and make sure they are in compliance with the regulations.
- **RICHARD MARTINO, McKEESPORT, PA 15132.** Mr. Martino said he was a School Director in McKeesport. He said he wanted to thank the Mayor for what he has been doing. He said he is against the strip club and has been

doing this every day. He said he puts in 8 or 9 hours a day with signs. He said he doesn't think they like him but that is okay. He said he knows one thing, he is not going to stop carrying these signs. He said he wants to get rid of the club. He said he wants Council to know that he wants them to pass these ordinances so they get these guys and they can't make money. He said try to stop them every way they can. He said they don't need this. He said they need businesses, but not that kind of business. He said he wants to thank Council for giving him a chance to speak and he said this before. He said he will be there almost every day and he is doing a lot of hours. He said he is not going to stop. He said they moved the Tri Star car dealer to White Oak. He said he is going into White Oak and he is going tend to White Oak probably Monday. He said he wants them to know they are going to go there. He said he wants Council to come to these meetings. He said the Mayor is there every time, every time there is a meeting and a prayer, he is there. He said thank you to the Mayor for that. He said he would like to see Council do the same thing. He said get the people to know that they love you because they are Council and doing what they have to do. He said they have to get rid of this place. He said if they can't make money, they can't stay. He said he knows one thing, he was a fighter on the School Board and he is going to fight this for God too. He said he loves God and he is going to do everything he can.

- Mayor Cherepko said thank you Mr. Martino. He said he would like to comment just for the public's information. He said the Council has been very, very strongly opposed to this from the beginning. He said they have been involved in their own way. He said he wanted to clarify that because these individuals up here come to an unbelievable number of events. He said keep in mind, this is not their job. He said they only make a couple dollars to be a Council person a year. He said he just wanted to at least ... he didn't want

anyone to take that the wrong way. He said he is at more things because that is his job and that is the way it should be. He said they have elected him to do this. He said Council is behind him 100 percent and if he needs them somewhere and he calls them, they will be there. He said he doesn't want them to have to defend themselves. He said especially with this issue. He said it is with all of the issues. He said the City has a Council that is very passionate about the City and is working with this Administration to move the City forward. He said he just felt the need to say that. He said he doesn't think that Mr. Martino meant anything wrong by it, but there is a reason why Council members are not at everything. He said they do have other lives.

- **CORNELL AND TAMMY JOHNSON, 1805 COURSIN STREET, McKEESPORT, PA 15132.** Mr. Johnson said they have all of their neighbors here tonight. He said they all came here to show their support in not having the water tower put on the Reservoir site. He said he doesn't know if anyone heard that the Mayor already let them know that the water tower is not going to be put on the property behind their homes. He said now that they have that cleared up, what are they going to do with this vacant lot. He said the children are here to support a park or playground or something of that sort. He said can they get something like the KaBoom like they are doing in Highland Grove.
- Mayor Cherepko said he appreciates Mr. and Mrs. Johnson coming and everyone who came to support them. He said there is no question that he thinks that would be a very good location for a playground. He said what they are going to do is that now that they are a Playful City USA ... when their concerns came up with the Water Authority, the City called the Water Authority and told them it was not going to work up there. He said the Water Authority will probably end up doing it

across the street which he knows they understand. He said at least it is not right in their back yard. He said McKeesport is a Playful City USA and since he has taken office, they have really grown into more credibility when it comes to private funding such as the Heinz Grant. He said Mr. Fitzpatrick, who is their Community Opportunity Specialist, is doing a really good job. He said he will have Mr. Fitzpatrick ... even if it is not through KaBoom ... see if there are any other sources of funding which they could use to put in a playground. He said he thinks it would be nice to put a playground up there. He said not only with them right there on that Reservoir Site, but the whole neighborhood could use it. He said to be honest, he actually forgot that the Redevelopment Authority owns that property right now. He said the one place they were looking to do a playground when he was first looking for KaBoom, was down there at the Unity Park, where the neighbors came together and made that Park off of Bailey. He said the problem was that the City did not own that property. He said KaBoom will not put a playground on private property, it has to be public owned property. He said they could not find the owners in time ... they are all out of state on that property. He said they tore down the houses under Senator Brewster. He said there is no question that they will not have a water tower up there, he told them he would stand up for them. He said they made that very clear and the Water Company understands that. He said he will see what they can do to get a playground up in that area eventually. He said he didn't want them to think he forgot about them. He said it is just a matter of ... they don't realize how expensive playgrounds are. He said the one that they are building in Highland Grove, it might be a \$40,000 playground. He said that is how much these playgrounds cost. He said it is something he will definitely keep in mind up there and he will work on it.

- Mr. Johnson said alright.
- Mayor Cherepko said Mr. Johnson said something about holes too.
- Mr. Johnson said there are a few holes to the left where they dug core samples.
- Mayor Cherepko said he will call them first thing in the morning. He said they are not real deep, right. He said even if the City went up there, they could fill them and not worry about bothering the Water Authority. He said maybe they will just send the City guys up to fill them.
- Mr. Johnson said yes, if they could fill them in. He said in the meantime, they will just look for the grass cutters again. He said thank you.

Mr. Dellapenna said will Ms. Boynton please come forward and state her name and address.

- **LEONA BOYNTON, 1511 GRANT STREET, McKEESPORT, PA 15132.** Ms. Boynton said her home is in the complex on the Reservoir site. She said she did come in today, and knew the Johnsons were coming but did not know it would be presented like that. She said she wants to voice her concern about the Water Tower in her backyard. She said that is something she would not like ... to grow old living like that. She said it would be right at her back door. She said she did not know what was being done coming home from work and seeing the large equipment in the back. She said she called the City and was told that they needed a larger water tower than the one that is already there a block away. She said she understands and the Mayor answered that question. She said her concern also is about the land that the houses are built on. She said the land is marsh land. She can step outside and it is wet. She said when someone walks around, they need boots all the way through. She

said she did not know ... but if he can tell her ... she was born and raised in McKeesport and knows the whole reservoir was there. She said is there drainage there. She said it is mush in the backyard. She said in the winter the water runs down and it is all icy there. She said she doesn't know if someone can look at that and let the residents know what they need to do. She said she has tried planting trees but she knows she can't do it all. She said it is definitely wet.

- Mr. McCall said they crushed everything in there and backfilled that with slag back in there.
- Mayor Cherepko said they will check it out and have their Engineer take a look at it.
- Ms. Boynton said she greatly appreciates that, thank you.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE #14-12 – BILL #26: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING AN AMNESTY PERIOD FOR THE PAYMENT OF DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE AND MUNICIPAL SERVICE FEES DUE TO THE CITY OF McKEESPORT FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.

MOTION: Ms. Brewster-Filotei moved, seconded by Ms. Walker-Montgomery, "To adopt Bill #26."

RC-2	YEAS:	SOLES, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, BARRY, CARR, DELLAPENNA, BREWSTER-FILOTEI, McCALL 7
	NAYS:	NONE..... 0

ORDINANCE #14-13 – BILL #27: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES AND EMPLOYEES AND ESTABLISHING FEES, FINES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

MOTION: Ms. Walker-Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. Carr, "To adopt Bill #27."

RC-3 YEAS: SOLES, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, BARRY,
CARR, DELLAPENNA, BREWSTER-FILOTEI,
McCALL 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

ORDINANCE #14-14 – BILL #28: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING THE APPLICATION/INVESTIGATION FEES AND THE LICENSE FEE FOR EMPLOYEES AND OPERATORS OF SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES.

MOTION: Mr. McCall moved, seconded by Mr. Soles, "To adopt Bill #28."

RC-4 YEAS: SOLES, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, BARRY,
CARR, DELLAPENNA, BREWSTER-FILOTEI,
McCALL 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

RESOLUTION #2014-15 – BILL #29: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICERS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PLAVCHAK CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR JIMMY LONG BASEBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – PHASE 2, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,956.00.

MOTION: **Mr. Soles moved, seconded by Ms. Brewster-Filotei, "To adopt Bill #29."**

COMMENTS:

- Mr. Barry said can we make sure that they keep a close eye on this.
- Mr. Gergely said absolutely.
- Mr. Barry said he would appreciate that.
- Mr. Gergely said they discussed that this morning as well.
- Mayor Cherepko said they agree. He said Mr. Barry mentioned that last evening and he thinks everyone agreed. He said for the public record, this is a company that they may have had some difficulties with in the past. He said it was not clear if it was their fault or not, but regardless, the City will watch them. He said they were the low bidder.
- Mr. Barry said he really doesn't see that there should be a whole lot of change orders for this work.
- Mr. Gergely said there will have to be an understanding that
- Mayor Cherepko said for a project, the one thing he can tell them in his experience as Mayor ... is that he looks at it a lot more closely. He said when you sit on Council for eight years, you don't pay attention to that, and it is more the administration that sees the daily operations. He said with projects like this, they usually don't get into change orders. He said if the City changes it, it will go down in price, not up. He said that is the nice thing. He said normally they work with them to try to get things lower which the City has a right to do because they were the lowest bid. He said it would not affect anyone else's bid.
- Mr. Barry said they have a habit of doing that.

RC-5 YEAS: SOLES, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, BARRY,
CARR, DELLAPENNA, BREWSTER-FILOTEI,
McCALL 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

RESOLUTION #2014-16 – BILL #30: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2014 AS “FAIR HOUSING MONTH” IN THE CITY OF McKEESPORT.

MOTION: Mr. Carr moved, seconded by Mr. Barry, “To adopt Bill #30.”

RC-6 YEAS: SOLES, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, BARRY,
CARR, DELLAPENNA, BREWSTER-FILOTEI,
McCALL 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

AMEND THE AGENDA:

Ms. Williams said they need to amend the Agenda to include Bills #31, #32, and #33.

MOTION: Mr. Soles moved, seconded by Mr. Barry, “To amend the Agenda to include Bills #31, #32, and #33.”

RC-7 YEAS: SOLES, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, BARRY,
CARR, DELLAPENNA, BREWSTER-FILOTEI,
McCALL 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

ORDINANCE #14-15 – BILL #31: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ABOLISHING THE McKEES POINT/YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER PARK COMMISSION AND

CREATING THE McKEES POINT COMMISSION TO OVERSEE AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE McKEES POINT MARINA AND PALISADES FACILITIES AND TO AID IN THE EXPANSION AND GROWTH OF THE MARINA/PALISADES COMPLEX AS A REGIONAL DESTINATION POINT.

MOTION: Mr. McCall moved, seconded by Ms. Brewster-Filotei, "To adopt Bill #31."

RC-8 YEAS: SOLES, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, BARRY,
CARR, DELLAPENNA, BREWSTER-FILOTEI,
McCALL 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

RESOLUTION #2014-17 – BILL #32: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICERS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MR. JOHN FOR 2014 PORTABLE RESTROOM RENTAL PROGRAM.

MOTION: Mr. McCall moved, seconded by Mr. Soles, "To adopt Bill #32."

RC-9 YEAS: SOLES, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, BARRY,
CARR, DELLAPENNA, BREWSTER-FILOTEI,
McCALL 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

RESOLUTION #2014-18 – BILL #33: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH LOCKHART ALL SEASONS SERVICE FOR WEED AND VEGETATION CONTROL FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.

MOTION: Ms. Walker-Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. Carr, "To adopt Bill #33."

RC-10 YEAS: SOLES, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, BARRY,
CARR, DELLAPENNA, BREWSTER-FILOTEI,
McCALL 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

CONTROLLER'S REPORT:

Mr. Walsh said he is recommending the approval of the bills in the amount of \$100,202.88. He said they are all in order.

MOTION: **Mr. McCall moved, seconded by Ms. Brewster-Filotei, "To approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$100,202.88."**

RC-11 YEAS: SOLES, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, BARRY,
CARR, DELLAPENNA, BREWSTER-FILOTEI,
McCALL 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

ADJOURNMENT:

President of Council Richard Dellapenna adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Patricia A. Williams
City Clerk and Clerk of Council

Richard Dellapenna
President of Council

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